PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the Supporting Statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. Agency/Subagency originating request 2. OMB control number None Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service a. <u>1018</u>. 0066 3. Type of information collection (check one) 4. Type of review requested (check one) a. New Collection a. Regular b. Revision of a currently approved collection b. Emergency - Approval requested by: ___/___/ c. Extension of a currently approved collection c. Delegated d. Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved 5. Small entities collection for which approval has expired Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a e. Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved substantial number of small entities? collection for which approval has expired Yes No f. Existing collection in use without an OMB control number 6. Requested expiration date For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions a. Three years from the approval date b. Other: ___/__ 7. Title Marine Mammal Marking, Tagging, and Reporting Certificates MMPA SEC. 109 (i) 8. Agency form number(s) (if applicable) R7-50, R7-51, R7-52 9. Keywords Polar bear, Sea otter, Pacific walrus 10. Abstract Under authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Service in 1988 added paragraph (f) to its regulations at 50 CFR 18.23 to gather data on the Alaska Native subsistence hunt of polar bear, northern sea otter, and Pacific walrus to determine what effect the harvest is having on these populations. This data also increases the Service's ability to manage these marine mammals. 11. Affected public (Mark primary with "P" and all others with "X") 12. Obligation to respond (Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X") a. P Individuals or households d. __ Farms a. Voluntary b. __ Business or other for-profit e. __ Federal Government b. Required to obtain or retain benefits c. __ Not-for-profit institutions f. __ State, Local, or Tribal Government c. P Mandatory 13. Annual reporting and recordkeeping hour burden 14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (in thousands of dollars) 2,695 a. Number of respondents a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _ 2,695 b. Total annual responses b. Total annual costs (O&M) Percentage of these responses c. Total annualized cost requested collected electronically d. Current OMB inventory 674 c. Total annual hours requested e. Difference 482 d. Current OMB inventory f. Explanation of difference 192 e. Difference 1. Program change f. Explanation of difference 2. Adjustment 1. Program change 192 2. Adjustment 15. Purpose of information collection (Mark primary with "P" and all others that 16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (check all that apply) apply with "X") a. Recordkeeping b. Third party disclosure a. __ Application for benefits e. __ Program planning or management c. Reporting: b. __ Program evaluation f. Research 1. On occasion 2. Weekly 3. Monthly c. __ General purpose statistics g. P Regulatory or compliance 4. Quarterly 5. Semi-annually 6. Annually d. __ Audit 7. Biennially 8. Other (describe) 17. Statistical methods 18. Agency contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content Does this information collection employ statistical methods? of this submission) Jeffrey L. Horwath ✓ No Yes Name: ___ 703/358-1718 Phone:

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9.

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It uses plain, coherent, and unambiguous language that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention periods for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8 (b)(3) about:
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, or mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of the instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology (if applicable); and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of these provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee	Date	